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mosquito incense. All the families spent something for health, and the average expenditure tended to increase regularly as the family income increased. The amounts varied from $1.15 a year for the $5 group, to $36 for the $100 group, and $95 for the $300 group. The latter amount was more than twice the average for the $200 group. For all but four of the income groups, the health expenditure was between 1.1 and 2 per cent of the family budget. The highest was 3.4 per cent for the $125 group. The allowance for medicine and medical care in American working-class budgets is 2.6 per cent of the total expenditure.[4]

It is evident that only a few of these Chinese families had any medical service during the year, and paid little for what they had. Even at a time of birth or death, the expenditures were ordinarily small. One family in the $15 group paid a doctor $1 for an ordinary visit, and one in the $35 group paid $1.50. A family in the $15 group paid a midwife $2; one in the $20 group paid $1; one in the $40 group, $4; and one in the $100 group, $15.

For the month that included the hospital care of a maternity case, the total health expenditure was $14, for a family in the $80 group; $14.45, for one in the $100 group; $6.50, for one in the $150 group; and $17.33, for one in the $300 group. Another $300 family paid the doctor $170 for a maternity case.

Families in the $10 group paid 56 cents and 99 cents for the medicine used during the last illness of one of their members. Other expenditures before a death were $70 by a $100 family; and $100—$20 for the doctor and $80 for medicine—by a family in the $125 group.

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Other relatively large monthly totals were $102 spent for medicine and a doctor by a family in the $125 group; $42.25 for hospital care given a member of a family in the $200 group; $12.50 for a doctor and medicine for an $80 family; $14.15 for medicine for a family in the $25 group.

Usually the health expenditure ranged from a few cents to a few dollars a month, for in only four income groups was the average more than $3 per month.

Household Equipment

The expenditure for the many items of household equipment—there were over 110 items on the list bought by 273 families—averaged only 23 cents a year for the families in the $5 group, and was less than 85 cents a year for all the groups below $20 a month. The average was less than $10 a year for all but two of the income groups below $100 a month. For the $90 group, the average was $9.65, but it was $39.75 for the $100 group, and $42.50 for the $200 group. The average for the $300 group was $150 per family, more than three times the average for the $200 group, and two and one-half times the average for the $175 group. (Table 34.)

For six of the income groups below $100 a month, the amount spent for household equipment was less than 1 per cent of the total budget. For the others, it ranged from 1 to 2 per cent. For five of the six groups with incomes over $100 a month, the average was more than 2 per cent of the family expenditure; for three groups, it was over 3 per cent. The maximum was 3.7 per cent, the average for the $150 group. (Table 35.)